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*Preserving Soule Heritage
for Future Generations*

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The Soule Kindred in America 50th Anniversary Reunion will be held **September 8-10, 2017** in Plymouth, Massachusetts, at Hotel 1620.

It's time to make your reservations and get yourself ready for this very special reunion. We have a myriad of unique and interesting events planned for our Soule family members and their guests. Don't miss out on the fun!

Soule Kindred in America is thrilled to welcome **historical researchers, Caleb Johnson and Simon Neal, as our featured guest speakers**. This dynamic duo will be sharing a detailed report on the SKA-funded research project to find the origins of George Soule and Mary Beckett. Caleb and Simon will describe the project, their findings and the future of their research. In addition, **SKA Research Committee Chair, Marcy Kelly, will present on the DNA project as it relates to the research**, and we will learn more about the Soule Kindred Family Tree Database.

Another exciting event will be a **garden dedication in Duxbury**. Soule Kindred is funding the upgrade of one of the gardens at the King Caesar House. Come join together with your Soule cousins to witness the dedication as a stone and plaque, honoring George Soule and Mary Beckett, are presented. Reunion attendees will have an opportunity to **tour Duxbury** following the garden dedication.



King Caesar House in Duxbury, MA. The house was built in 1809 by Ezra "King Caesar" Weston II [George, Mary (Soule) Peterson, Isaac, Priscilla (Peterson) Weston, Ezra].

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Dear Soule Cousins,

Here in Iowa, we can't tell if "spring" is really coming to stay, or if more snow and cold are headed our way. One thing we Soules *can* tell for certain, is that 2017 is going to be HUGE. And I'm not talking about anything having to do with politics, the economy, or the state of the Union... I'm talking **REUNION!** The 50th Anniversary Reunion in Plymouth/Duxbury is less than half a year away! Read all about it on the [front cover](#) and on pages [4](#) and [12](#). Also, our SKA Reunion Registration form can be found on [page 13](#), so sign up today!

Speaking of signing up, I, your editor and descendant of George Soule, *finally* signed up for a membership in SKA! I'm actually glad I waited because I got to be one of the first to use the new website's online Membership Application Form. It was pretty slick, and I completed the form in less than 15 minutes. Thanks to Karen McNally and Jeff Carroll for the great new website, which you can read about on [page 5](#).

Until next time, enjoy the beginning signs of spring and I hope to see you in September!

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Presidents' Corner

Soule Cousins All:

Time to get excited, folks, because big things are happening...

And the "biggest" of the "big" is our biennial SKA reunion this year in Duxbury/Plymouth! Time to get back in touch with our roots; set aside the dates, Sept. 8-10, to retrace the steps of our Mayflower ancestors. Our Reunion Committee has been working mightily to make great things happen (see cover story); so spread the word to all your Soule relatives. We want everyone there!

Please be aware that our website is once again fully operational. Membership renewal, payment of dues, even reunion registration can be done online. If you have Soule kin who are not members of Soule Kindred, please e-mail them the link to our SKA webpage, soulekindred.org, and encourage them to join.

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50th Anniversary Reunion continued

The Annual Meeting of Soule Kindred in America will take place late afternoon on Saturday, followed by a **banquet**. Soule family members may enjoy breakfast together Sunday morning or participate in the opening ceremonies of the **General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) General Congress**.

The GSMD will hold its General Congress from **September 8-13, also at the Hotel 1620** in Plymouth. Several other Pilgrim family groups will also be meeting in Plymouth that weekend, so for those of you who belong to more than one group, you may be able to attend multiple meetings. GSMD members can check the website for information about family meetings at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>.

GSMD planned tours, meetings and a banquet will take place Sunday, September 10, through Wednesday, September 13. Information about the tours is available on the GSMD website at <http://cdn.evbu.com/eventlogos/167728646/congressinformationpage8.jpg>

Family members who want to attend both the Soule Kindred Reunion and the GSMD General Congress will need to submit both registrations. Registration for both events may be completed online.

GSMD Members can register for the General Congress and the planned tours at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/Congress2017>.

GSMD non-members can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/41st-mayflower-general-congress-tickets-32323049110>.

Anyone may simply print, complete and mail in the registration form (see [page 14](#) in this issue of *Soule Kindred Newsletter*). Don't forget to enclose a check!

The Soule Kindred 50th Anniversary Reunion registration form is available on the SKA website <https://soulekindred.org/event/2017-reunion/> and on [page 13](#). A direct link to all things reunion is at <https://soulekindred.org/reunions-2/>.

I'm looking forward to meeting many Soule cousins in September!

Sara Soule-Chapman
Chair, Biennial/50th Anniversary Reunion
kirbychap@msn.com



Sara Soule-Chapman and Donna Barbeau on Soule Ave. in Duxbury, MA

New Year - New Website

By Karen McNally

Since late 2009/early 2010, Soule Kindred has either built a new website or completed a major upgrade to the website four times. Each time, the site has offered new features to inform and bring together all Soule cousins. 2016 saw a major rebuild of the site on a totally new platform. This turned out to be a much more complicated process than originally anticipated – for example, all members had to be entered by hand as did the *Soule Kindred Newsletters*, twice! Nonetheless, Soule Kindred is pleased to announce that the new, enhanced SKA website is now up and running. Here are some of the new features:

- WordPress platform
- Blog
- Calendar
- Drop down menus
- Mobile Device compatibility
- New membership payment/donation options
- Newsletters organized by decade

WordPress is one of the most popular website platforms on the Internet and is also one of the easiest to maintain in the background. It's also well-supported and offers a lot of options for additional features and interactions among users.

The Blog allows SKA to post short articles on topics such as the Mayflower passengers, the Plymouth Colony, George Soule, Mary Beckett, and George and Mary's many descendants, famous, infamous, and not famous at all. Blogs provide a great opportunity to identify "tag" words which draw interested individuals to the website.

The calendar feature includes the dates of various genealogical events being held around the country. Maybe you'll find one near you.



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SKA Remembers Doris Lane Sturham



Maggie Kane with her mother,
Doris Sturham, January 2016

Doris Lane Sturham, 101, [George, John, Moses, Isaac, Mary (Soule) Josselyn, Tamer (Josselyn) Bourne, Charles, Augusta (Bourne) Lane, Ernest Winfield, Marshall Lester] passed away on Aug. 10, 2016. A native of Hanson, Massachusetts, she was born Aug. 18, 1914. Doris was preceded in death by her husband Mason Frederick Sturham in 1992. She is survived by her daughter Marjorie Jean Kane (also a SKA member); son Lane Haven Coulter (Veronica); 2 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She was buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Concord, California. Doris was a member of SKA since 2009.

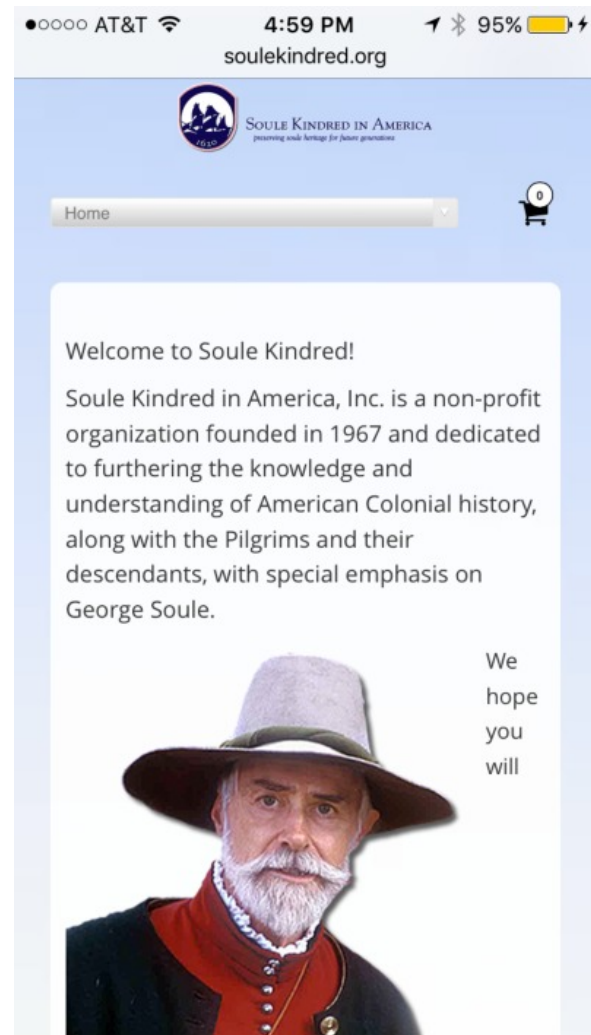
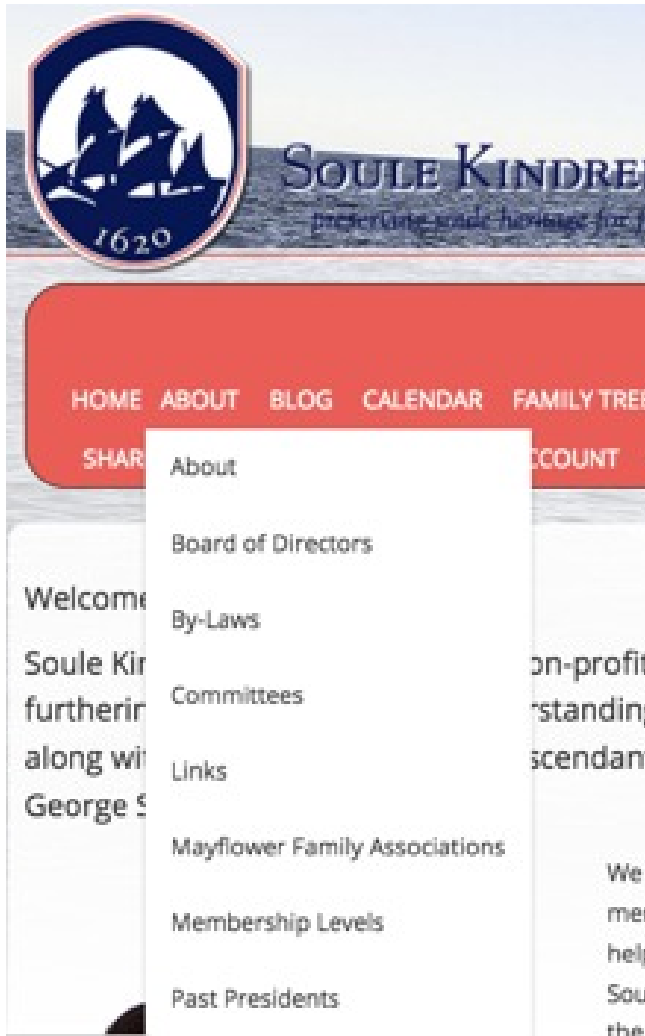
Did you know...

The Pilgrims began planting their first garden covering 26 acres on March 19, 1621.

The *Mayflower* was built as a cargo ship, not a passenger ship. Typically, the *Mayflower's* cargo was wine and dry goods, but on this trip the ship carried passengers: 102 of them, all hoping to start a new life on the other side of the Atlantic.

The Separatists who founded the Plymouth Colony referred to themselves as "Saints," not "Pilgrims." The use of the word "Pilgrim" to describe this group did not become common until the colony's bicentennial.

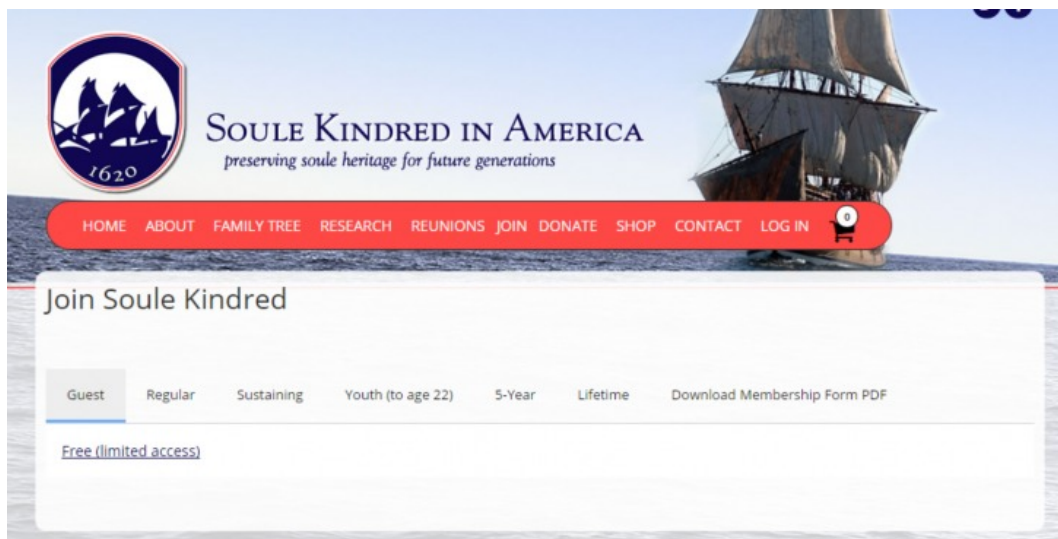
New Website continued



Drop down menus create a cleaner look and provide ease of navigation on the site.

A new mobile-friendly version of the website is available for use on smartphones.

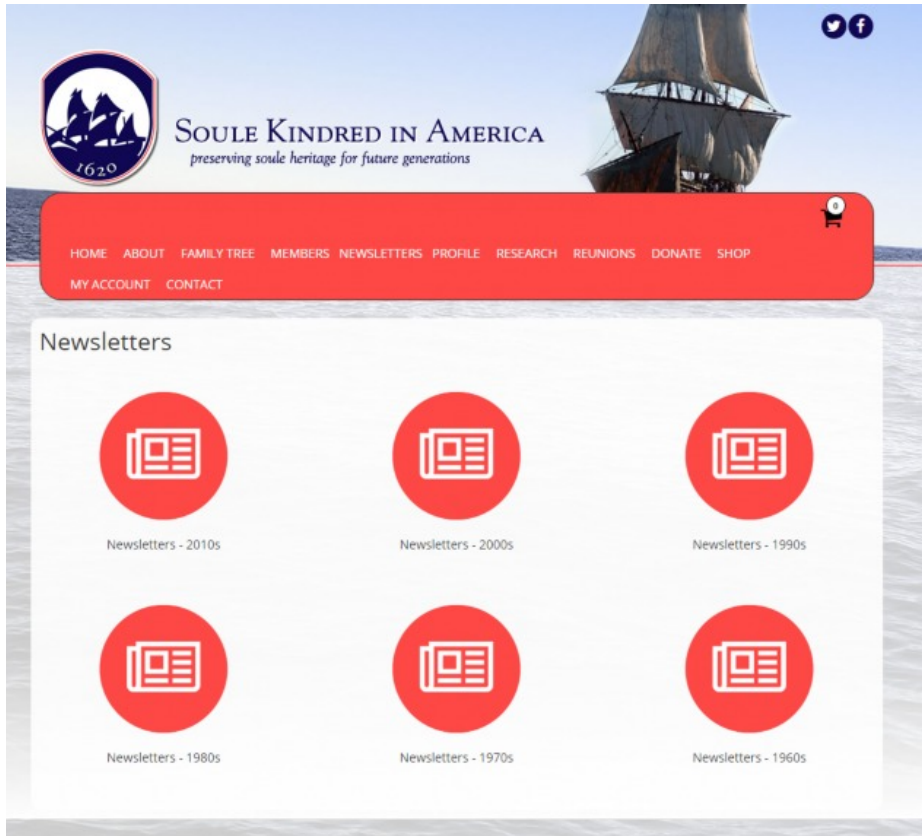
The biggest change to the website is in the way SKA accepts online membership payments or donations. You can now join or renew your membership or donate to one of SKA's funds using your personal credit card instead of relying solely on PayPal, although that option is still available.



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New Website continued

Finally, all of Soule Kindred's 50 volumes of newsletters are now divided by the decades in which they were published instead of shown in a single long list. This makes it much easier to locate a particular issue or article.



To visit the new website, you can go to www.soulekindred.org. As in the past, your Username is your email address. Don't remember your password? No problem. Just enter your email address as your Username and click on Log In. You'll be taken to a screen where you can click on "Lost Your Password?" to create a new password.

Editor's Note


Soule Kindred is looking for a member or members to manage the website. Karen McNally, who has been the webmaster since 2009, is stepping down from that role due to health issues. Some knowledge of WordPress would be helpful but is not required. If you are interested in developing the new SKA website to its full potential and enhancing Soule Kindred's presence on the Internet, please contact Darrel Young at barb7801@hctc.net or Sara Chapman at kirbychap@msn.com.

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My Password:

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Lost your password? 

Soule Kindred Reunions of the Past

By Kathleen Kingman

As I was glancing over past issues of *Soule Kindred Newsletter*, in search of past reunions that would be of special interest, I came across the 1995 Reunion, which took place in Burlington, Vermont. This caught my eye because I had lived in the Burlington area around that time, 1998-2005. Our oldest three children were born there, and I have special memories of living in such a beautiful state, with so much interesting history. As I looked over the Schedule of Events, familiar images popped up in my mind, and I couldn't help but smile.

The SKA President at the time was a Vermonter you might know, Stanley E. Soule. Stanley obviously knew all the best places to go: Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms, Lake Champlain Chocolate Co., Fleming Museum, Vermont Teddy Bear Co., von Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory in Waterbury and the Burlington Church Street Marketplace.

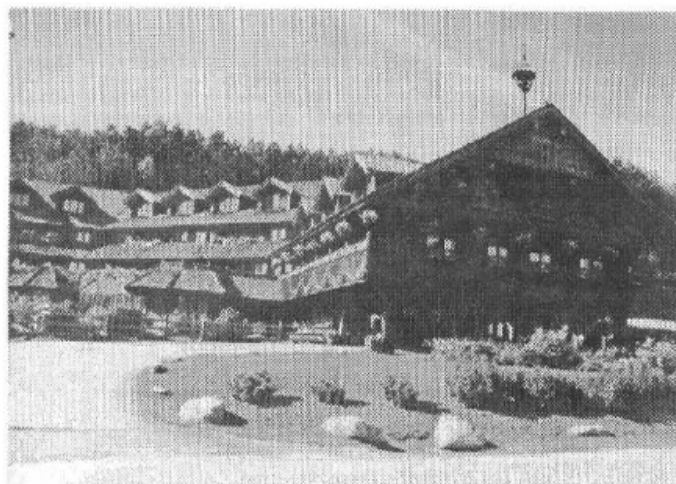
The Reunion was planned for the peak of fall foliage season, and Stanley emphasized in ALL CAPS LIKE THIS to "PLEASE RESERVE EARLY" for "Once the balance of our block of rooms are released on August 13th, it is doubtful that there will be any available rooms, anywhere within the area." Hopefully most Soules took Stanley's advice. I can clearly remember the "Leaf Peepers" descending en masse at that time of year!!!

Soules had been gathering together for family reunions long before Soule Kindred in America officially launched as an organization in 1967. In our second-ever issue of the newsletter (Vol. 1, No. 2, April 1967, page 13), a lively report from a 1949 reunion is included, written by William E. Soule (1876-1953). "Cousin Bill" came from a branch of the family descending from George Nelson Soule and Sarah Elizabeth (Brewer) Soule. Here is an excerpt from Cousin Bill's account of the 1949 Reunion:

Our Fourth Reunion was held at East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in the building and on the grounds of the A.R. Parker Co., on Saturday, September 10, 1949. This was the scene of our Third Reunion on August 15, 1936, our first and second being held in Yarmouth, Maine, in 1902 and 1916 respectively.

In all 117 members of our family attended. And what a distinct success it was! Perfect weather, a joyous meeting all around, many of whom we had not seen since the last Reunion. Others were welcomed who had annexed themselves to the Soule family through marriage while the "kids", (God bless them) were in abundance, shall I say in accordance with tradition? A panoramic group picture of the Soule clan was another highlight of the affair.

After luncheon the boys formed two scrub teams and played baseball. After the melee had ended, your inquiring reporter learned that the Hardscrabbles had won over the Pawtucket Tigers by a score of 29 to 21. It was a pitcher's duel all the way!



Trapp Family Lodge, Vermont



Jennifer Soule', Eloise Neilsen, Harold Neilsen, Norm Soule', Florence Soule', James Soule'
Trapp Family Lodge

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1902 SOULE REUNION QUINTET + 1
1902 REUNION QUINTET + 1

Then everybody went inside the hall and a general meeting was held with Henry M. Soule, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, presiding. There was some speaking; an outline of the plans for the Soule genealogy by William E. Soule and group singing, led by Rev. Jerome J. Hevey, Jr., at the piano and Larry Soule, Sr. performing on the mouth organ. [Loud applause.] Then followed a special rendition of popular airs by the original quintet of 1902, in bowler hats and moustaches, as shown in the picture on this page. Harmony? After 47 years it was not only remarkable but terrific.

Dinner at the restaurant, including one of Mr. Parker's lobster stews (par excellence), was enjoyed by many of the group, after which the members headed for home. It is the consensus of opinion of those who attended that it was the best Reunion that we ever have had.

- COUSIN BILL

ORIGINAL QUINTET OF 1902 SINGS AGAIN
AT REUNION IN 1949!

THIS IS THE ORIGINAL QUINTET OF 1902



Reading from left to right: WILLIAM E. SOULE; FORREST R. MITCHELL; ERNEST H. SOULE; LAWRENCE C. SOULE AND HENRY M. SOULE.

A little over two decades later, in 1970, we can visualize what Reunion planners hoped would be "the largest and best event in the Soule history to date." (Vol. IV, No. 2, page 105). This reunion, like our upcoming 2017 reunion, took place in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

We urge all Soule Kindred to make definite plans NOW to attend the GRAND SOULE REUNION which will celebrate the 350th landing of the Pilgrims. Events for the reunion include tours, family presentations, parties, recreation events, picture-taking, and lots of food for hungry Soules.

I guess some things never change, do they? In addition to good food, the reunion goers in 1970 enjoyed seeing (and hearing) a canon being fired, attending the official opening of the 350th Exhibit Hall and the

350th Film Theatre at Memorial Hall at Plymouth waterfront. Soule cousins also enjoyed a parade, a costumed, dramatized re-enactment of a Pilgrim Sabbath meeting held in Old Fort Meeting House, Thanksgiving, 1623 and more!

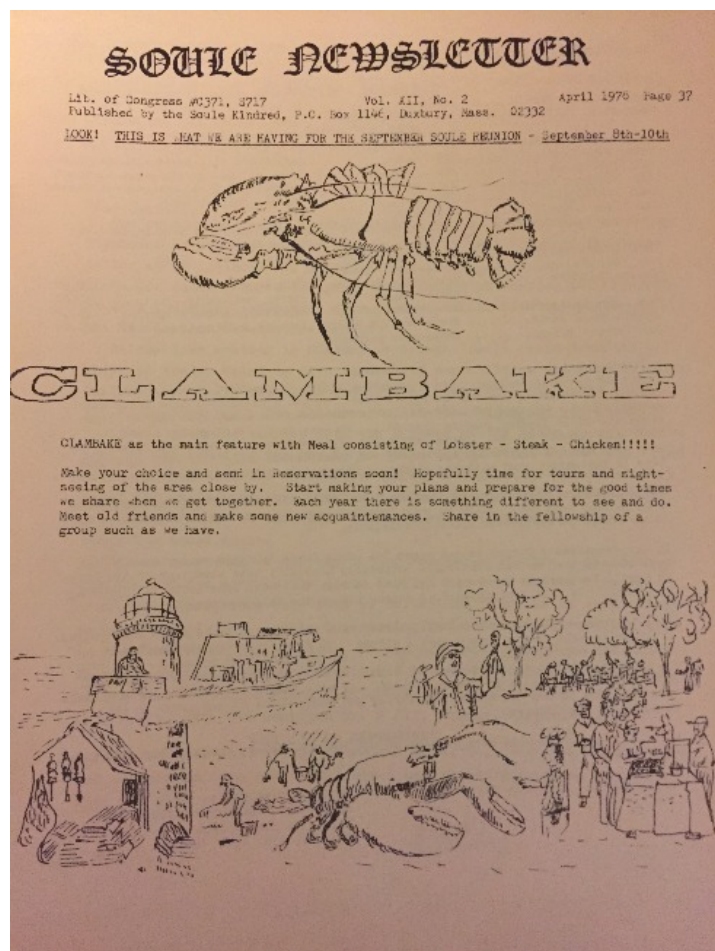
The "beautiful new two million dollar resort inn" (otherwise known as the Holiday Inn, Plymouth) cost \$14 for 1 person or \$20 for 2 people, per night. Additional persons cost \$3 each, and children under 12 were free. The costs for the SKA Reunion were as follows: Registration fee: \$3 per family; Saturday Luncheon \$2.50/adult, \$1.10/child and the Saturday Banquet \$6/adult, \$3/child.

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A highlight of the Reunion was Colonel John's talk on "One Thousand Years of Soule Family History," which was described as "superb in wording, scope and illustration. By urgent request he repeated it Saturday afternoon," reported Shirley Soule Smith, Secretary, Soule Kindred, 1970-1971. (Excerpt from *Soule Newsletter*, Vol. IV, No. 4 October 1970, page 169.)

The 1978 Reunion brought Soules back to Massachusetts, to Duxbury, and to get family members fired up, the following cover of *Soule Newsletter* (Vol. XII, No. 2, April 1978) hit the stands:



In case your eyes are straining to read the fine print, the words just above the Lobster illustration entice readers to LOOK: THIS IS WHAT WE ARE HAVING FOR THE SEPTEMBER SOULE REUNION

Then, under the giant letters that shout out CLAMBAKE, families are encouraged to make their choice between Lobster – Steak – Chicken!!!! And to: *Start making your plans and prepare for the good times we share when we get together. Each year there is something different to see and do. Meet old friends and make some new acquaintances. Share in the fellowship of a group such as we have.*

It may be hard to believe for some of you, especially those who may have attended the 1978 and/or 1970 Reunions, that it was 39 or 47 years ago!!! And here we are today, returning to Plymouth and Duxbury, as our Soule cousins have done many times before, to honor our forefathers and foremothers and celebrate 50

years of our official Soule Kindred in America organization! It won't be long now... and I for one, can't wait to see you there!

Kathleen Kingman

ATTENTION: We want YOUR REUNION STORIES!!! Think back to your favorite locations, presentations, tours and conversations from the Soule Kindred reunions you have attended. What made you laugh? Cry? Do you have precious photos you could scan and share with us? Stories of any length are welcome! Even just a few lines about your experiences at a SKA Reunion can help us all better reflect on our Reunion History. Please e-mail your stories and photos to your editor, kathleenkingman@yahoo.com. Let's continue the celebration of SKA's 50th year by revisiting our great reunions of the past... as we anticipate our upcoming 50th Anniversary Reunion in Plymouth!!!!

Reunion Accommodations

Hotels:

Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor
180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA (508) 747-4900

Plymouth Hampton Inn and Suites
10 Plaza Way, Plymouth, MA (508) 747- 5000

Comfort Inn
155 Samoset St., Plymouth, MA (508) 746-2800

John Carver Inn
25 Summer St., Plymouth, MA (508) 746-7100

Hilton Garden Plymouth
4 Home Depot Dr., Plymouth, MA (508) 830-0855

Cold Spring Best Western Motel
188 Court St., Plymouth, MA (508) 746- 2222

Blue Spruce Motel
710 State Rd., Plymouth, MA (508) 224-3990

Pilgrim Sands Motel
150 Warren Ave., Plymouth, MA (508) 747-0900

Bay View Motel
20 Main St., Kingston, MA (781) 585-2268

Inn at Plymouth Bay
Main St., Kingston, MA (781) 585-3831

Bed and Breakfasts:

The Thornton Adams House
73 Warren Ave., Plymouth, MA
(800) 747- 9700

Peabody Bradford Homestead
6 River St., Kingston, MA
(781) 585-2646

Winsor House Inn
390 Washington St., Duxbury, MA
(617) 934-0991

White Swan B&B
14 Manomet Point Rd., Manomet, MA
(508) 224-3759

Transportation to Plymouth:

Members who are flying into Boston's Logan Airport and do not wish to rent a car at the airport and drive to Plymouth may take the Plymouth-Brockton Bus Line. These buses leave Logan Airport hourly and stop at exit 5, Route 3, at the Visitors Information Center in Plymouth.

The Plymouth-Brockton Bus Line may be contacted at (508) 746-0378 or www.p-b.com. Taxi service is available to take you from exit 5 to your hotel or you may call Mayflower Taxi at (508) 747-1702 for service. For train, check the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) Kingston/Plymouth line, leaving regularly from South Station www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps.

If you are flying into T.F. Green Airport, Providence, Rhode Island, you will need to rent a car at the airport or in the nearby surrounding area, as there is no bus service from Providence to Plymouth. There are many car rental agencies available at the airport. Once in Plymouth, car rental agencies are available to those who require the use of a car.

50th Reunion Registration Form



The Soule Kindred in America 50th Anniversary Reunion September 8-10, 2017, Plymouth MA Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

	Number of Persons	Cost	Total
Registration Fee: (\$35 per person)	_____	X \$35.00	_____
Friday: Reunion Check-in at Hotel 1620 SKA Table, pick up info., dinner on own	_____	X \$0	_____
Saturday: Reunion Check-in at Hotel 1620 Garden dedication in Duxbury Lunch on your own Tour of Duxbury	_____	X \$0	_____
Saturday: Annual meeting at Hotel 1620 Banquet and presentation at Hotel 1620	_____	X \$45.00	_____
Grand Total			_____

Please make check payable to Soule Kindred in America and send it, with a copy of the registration form, to Jeanette Taylor, 731 North Deer Isle Road, Deer Isle, ME, 04627



REGISTRATION FORM
41st Mayflower General Congress – September 8-13, 2017, Plymouth, MA

Name: _____ Society: _____ GSMD#: _____

Address: _____

GSMD/SOCIETY Title: _____ Email: _____

Planned Arrival Date: _____ Phone: (Home) _____ - _____ (Cell): _____ - _____

Planned Departure Date: _____ Special Requirements: (diet, handicap, etc.) _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35 (required for every member and guest, no exceptions, nonrefundable) \$35 ea _____

LATE REGISTRATION FEE after August 12, 2017 (subject to availability) \$50 ea _____

Name and title to appear on name tag (and guest's name):

1 _____ 2 _____

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, Executive Committee Lunch (EC and invited guests only), 12:00 pm

1 _____ \$27 ea _____

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Path of the Pilgrims – Cape Cod, incl. lunch

1 _____ 2 _____ \$85 ea _____

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, 8:15 am-4:00 pm, Whale Cruise, boxed lunch, Jenney Museum

1 _____ 2 _____ \$95 ea _____

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, Welcome Reception, 3:00-4:30 pm [no charge]

1 _____ 2 _____ # _____

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, Ghost Lantern Tour, 8:00-9:30 pm

1 _____ 2 _____ \$12 ea _____

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, 9:00 am-5:00pm, Newport RI, Harbor Cruise, incl. lunch at Lobster Shack

1 _____ 2 _____ \$115 ea _____

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, 7:00-8:30 pm, Pilgrim Belle Harbor Sunset Cruise

1 _____ 2 _____ \$18 ea _____

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Hyannis, JFK Museum, Harbor Cruise, incl. lunch

1 _____ 2 _____ \$95 ea _____

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, 6:00 pm, Reception and Banquet

[Bus to Banquet: Yes _____ No _____]

Names for Banquet:

1 _____ 2 _____ \$55 ea _____

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Boston, Lexington and Concord, incl. lunch

1 _____ 2 _____ \$88 ea _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Return completed registration form with check or money order payable to "GSMD" by August 12, 2017 to: Triennial Congress 2017, P.O. Box 3297, Plymouth, MA 02361-3297. Confirmations will be sent to all. If you have any questions, please email Secretary General Susan Roser at secretarygeneral@themayflowersociety.org. **Registrations for tours must be made before July 21, 2017; no tour refunds after this date.** Tours subject to cancellation and are refundable if reservations are low.

This and That

A Sampling of 2017 Genealogical/Family History Conferences/Events

National Genealogical Society 2017 Family History Conference

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Energize your research and sharpen your family history skills. May 10-13: Raleigh, NC

Southern California Genealogy Jamboree 2017

<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

Hunting your heritage.

June 9-11: Los Angeles, CA

NEHGS Edinburgh, Scotland, Research Tour

<http://shop.americanancestors.org/products/edinburgh-scotland-research-tour?pass-through=true>

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Edinburgh to research your Scottish ancestors?

June 18-25: Edinburgh, Scotland

2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference

<http://ggsmn.org/cpage.php?pt=83>

Connections: International. Cultural. Personal

July 28-30: Minneapolis, MN

NEHGS Come Home to New England Research Program

<http://shop.americanancestors.org/products/come-home-to-new-england-2017?pass-through=true>

Come home to Boston and work closely with NEHGS staff to advance your research.

August 9-13: Boston, MA

You're Invited: GSMD's first Luncheon for Heritage Week!

Please join GSMD during Heritage Week in Washington D.C.

Friday, April 14, 2017 - Noon

Join the General Society of Mayflower Descendants

(GSMD) for a special Luncheon at the

Army Navy Club

901 Seventeenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

\$55.00 per person

Menu: Classic Caesar Salad,
Roasted Free Range Chicken
or Grilled Vegetable Lasagna,
Deep Dish Apple Pie

To reserve: please contact
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Filson at

GovernorGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.org or
communications@themayflower-society.org

Call for Submissions

Have you come across some interesting stories in your genealogical research?

Do you have a story you have written to share with the family?

Share your stories with your larger Soule family!

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